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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Trevor McGraw.

(3) Mr. David Rosenblatt.

(2) Eric Keasel.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 20 July 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Elkins et al. (US4,275,908).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Rosenblatt explained the ball and socket joint for which Applicant's desire to manufacture a less expensive ball and socket joint arrangement. Mr. Rosenblatt explained the invention components and how they fit together with each other where the collar and ball are integral and how Mr. Rosenblatt felt it was different from the prior art of record specifically the '908 reference and with respect to electroplating the outer portion of the skirt. Examiners felt with Mr. Rosenblatt's explanation that Mr. Rosenblatt is describing a method of manufacturing as opposed to an apparatus as the present claims. Examiner's discussed with Mr. Rosenblatt that he can not claim an intermediate process to overcome the prior art and that even if an amended claim can overcome the 102 (b) rejection with the '908 reference that a 103 rejection could be made in regard to the ball of the '908 reference. Mr. Rosenblatt went into detail about how the invention is a one piece structure and not a two piece structure and that his language "integrally formed" in the amended claim 1 is made 1 time as one solid piece. The Examiner's also brought to Mr. Rosenblatt's attention that the amended claim 1 as written is written as a jeppson claim where the desired amended limitations are within the admitted prior art preamble of the claim. Mr. Rosenblatt then brought to the Examiners attention to claim 10 and 12 and that the prior art reference failed to teach any of the limitations of the claims and that claim 10 would be added to claim 12 in an amendment. The Examiner's took Mr. Rosenblatt's thoughts into consideration and informed Mr. Rosenblatt that another search would be performed. The Examiners also informed Mr. Rosenblatt that whatever coverage Mr. Rosenblatt would like to receive for an invention should be positively claimed so that the scope of the invention is clear for the record. Interview commenced at 3:35 pm est. and concluded at 4:27 p.m. est. on Thursday July 20, 2006..